

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
TAMPA AND FT. MYERS DIVISIONS**

In re:

Administrative Order TPA-2005-5
Administrative Order FTM-2005-2

DEADLINE FOR ATTORNEYS
TO PARTICIPATE IN
ELECTRONIC CASE FILING

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
ESTABLISHING DEADLINE FOR ATTORNEYS
IN THE TAMPA AND FT. MYERS DIVISIONS
TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ELECTRONIC CASE FILING SYSTEM**

In 2003, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Middle District of Florida began implementation of the Case Management/Electronic Case Filing System that is required of all United States Courts. In June, 2003, attorneys began to file pleadings using the Electronic Case Filing (ECF) system. However, many attorneys failed to voluntarily make the essential conversion. To promote greater efficiency in the administration of bankruptcy cases, the Court must require all attorneys to participate in the ECF system. In September, 2004, the Orlando Division required attorneys to participate, and the transition has been very successful. In October, 2004, the Jacksonville Division required attorneys to participate, and the transition there has been very successful. Accordingly, in December, 2004, the Tampa and Ft. Myers Divisions announced that attorneys would be required to participate beginning May 1, 2005. Therefore, it is

ORDERED:

1. Effective May 1, 2005, all attorneys, trustees, or examiners who file documents in the Tampa Division and in the Ft. Myers Division of this Court, whether on behalf of a debtor, a trustee, a creditor, or some other interested party, must file all documents and pleadings electronically using the ECF system.

2. Exceptions to the mandatory use of the ECF system include:

A. Documents under seal;

B. Unanticipated inability to use the ECF system due to an internet failure by the filer.

(Filers experiencing such a failure shall submit the pleading or document on diskette or CD in a PDF format with an "Affidavit and Request to File" attached. The clerk then will electronically file the pleading or document.);

C. Unanticipated inability to use the ECF system due to an internet failure by the Court.

(If the ECF system is not accessible due to the Court's failure, the filer shall print the notification that the ECF system is not accessible and submit it with the pleading or document to be filed either on diskette or CD in PDF format.);

D. Trial or evidentiary hearing exhibits are to be filed on paper unless otherwise ordered in a particular case; and

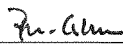
E. Chapter 11 ballots.

F. Pleadings or documents submitted by parties without legal representation;

3. After May 1, 2005, the Court may order attorneys filing pleadings or documents via paper to show cause why they cannot use the ECF system. Further, the Court may order pleadings and documents be stricken if they are not filed using the ECF system.

DATED at Tampa, Florida, this 31st day of March, 2005.

BY THE COURT



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Chief Bankruptcy Judge

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